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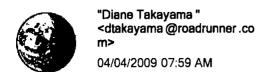
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Subject MPL RATE INCREASE

Aloha!

I must write in response to the Molokai Ranch's (MPL) request for yet another massive water rate increase. The PUC last year quickly pushed through a 178% increase, effectively doing the Ranch's dirty work for them. Now, obviously feeling emboldened, the Ranch seeks more, and have taken it upon themselves to punish the west end of Molokai for not supporting their La'au development. I know of no other ruling body in our country, be it political or commercial, that has inflicted such a "punishment" on their dependents. The Ranch destroyed their paperwork last year and has been unwilling to supply any documentation for their requests, either past or present. I implore you to carefully examine what has thus far transpired, and hope you will take it upon yourselves to seek out what the Ranch's real motives are. I, as a west ender, cannot help but shout out "HELP!" We look forward to working with you to bring a fair resolution to this issue- MPL's financial and retributional desires should not be again placed on the already suffering pocketbooks of the people of Molokai.

Sincerely, Mark Jacobs P.O. Box 274 Maunaloa, HI 96770



To <hawaii.puc@hawaii.gov>

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Subject FW: Re: Rate Increase for West End Molokai water

From: Diane Takayama [mailto:dtakayama@roadrunner.com]

Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2009 10:57 AM **To:** 'consumeradvocate@dcca.hawaii.gov'

Subject: Re: Rate Increase for West End Molokai water

To whom it may concern.

EXTORTION!

We recently received our property tax appraisal for 2009. It is obvious the people on Maui are basically living on the moon, as far as the residents on the West End of Molokai are concerned. With all this PUC, MPL garbage going on, who would be interested in living there if they didn't already. The West End residents would have a hard time giving their property away at this point! Water, Property Taxes. Lose Lose situation and it just goes on and on.

Regards, Diane Takayama